Resolution Garrett Park Town Council October 14, 2013

Whereas, the Town of Garrett Park has applied for a \$561,286 grant from the Maryland State Highway Administration under the Safe Routes to School program in order to construct a sidewalk and curbs on the south side of Oxford Street from Oxford and Montrose to Oxford and Weymouth, to extend the existing sidewalk and curbs on the west side of Kenilworth Avenue from Waverly to Argyle, and to rebuild the existing sidewalk and curbs on Montrose Avenue from Waverly to Clermont and on Clermont Avenue from Montrose to Strathmore; and

Whereas, in a letter dated August 7, 2013 the State Highway Administration awarded the Town a grant for this project as described above; and

Whereas, the State Highway Administration has reaffirmed that the grant is for the full amount of \$561,286 requested; and

Whereas, the Town Council has conducted a public hearing on September 23, 2013 to obtain the views of the public upon this grant offer and has considered that testimony carefully;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Garrett Park accepts the Safe Routes to School grant described above at the value of \$561,286; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town Council directs the Mayor and the Town Manager to take all actions to notify the State Highway Administration of this acceptance, to execute all documents necessary to establish the grant, and to implement the design and construction project, subject to a full public review of the project at the completion of preliminary design as well as further direction which the Council may make as the project progresses; and

Be it further resolved, that the Mayor shall make all reasonable efforts to keep town residents informed of the progress of the project, and to solicit public input at critical decision points. To that end, the Mayor shall appoint a Sidewalks Citizens Advisory Committee, which shall include at least two residents who own property adjacent to the proposed sidewalks, to assist the Town in implementing the project. The Committee shall consult with stakeholders and make recommendations to the Town; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town shall consult with homeowners who have property adjoining the Town right of way in which the project shall be built in order to ascertain and implement ways to minimize the impact of the project upon their homes and landscaping, consistent with constructing sidewalks and curbs; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town shall make all efforts to preserve trees and plantings wherever possible, to move them if required and reasonable, and to replace them if they must be removed and cannot be moved to another location; and

Be it finally resolved, that the Town shall comply with all state and federal historic preservation, disability access, environmental protection, and watershed protection requirements in pursuing this project.